



## STATEMENT REGARDING REACH Electronic Products

Effective: 16 December 2013

To our valued customers:

The European Union's REACH Directive<sup>1</sup>, among other things, requires EU manufacturers and EU importers to determine if they must: 1) register certain substances with the European Chemicals Agency ("ECHA"), 2) notify ECHA regarding certain substances, or 3) communicate to customers that certain substances are present in the materials ("articles" and "preparations") they manufacture or import into the European Union.

Microchip's compliance efforts include monitoring of REACH developments and an evaluation process for our products, which requires engineering analysis, third party testing, and other information or documents provided by the manufacturer or distributor of raw materials or by subcontract assemblers of Microchip's electronic products. Because our evaluation includes reliance on third party information, data, and testing, we cannot verify to a certainty the accuracy of such third party information. But with that limitation in mind, we can provide the following information to our customers:

1. Registration with ECHA: When assessing REACH requirements for registration, EU manufacturers and EU importers are required to evaluate their articles to determine whether a prescribed exposure to chemicals exists. Registration of substances in articles is required where: a) substances are intended to be released from the produced or imported articles during normal and reasonably foreseeable conditions of use; and b) the total amount of substance present in the articles with intended releases produced and/or imported by that actor exceeds one (1) metric ton or more per year per producer or importer. As of the date above, there are no known or intended releases of chemical substances under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions from the use of Microchip's electronic products. Therefore, Microchip is not subject to registration requirements under Articles 7(1) and 7(5) of REACH for its electronic products.

2. Notification with ECHA: Separate from the registration requirement above, the REACH Directive requires EU manufacturers and EU importers of certain substances to notify ECHA regarding each substance that is: a) a Substance of Very High Concern ("SVHC"), as published by ECHA in October of 2008, and periodically

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC  
<http://echa.europa.eu/web/guest/regulations/reach>



updated<sup>2</sup>, present above a concentration threshold of 0.1% of the weight of the article; and b) imported in quantities of one (1) metric ton or more per year. Exemptions and other conditions can play into the analysis. As of the date above, none of Microchip's electronic products have equal to or greater than 0.1% weight over weight of any of the 151 SVHC. Microchip does not import more than one metric ton of any of the 151 SVHC into the European Union in any given year. Therefore, the notification requirements under Article 7(2) of REACH are not applicable to Microchip's electronic products.

3. Communication to Customers: REACH also imposes communication requirements on EU manufactures and EU importers to their customers regarding the existence of SVHC if present above a concentration threshold of 0.1% of the weight of the preparation or article. As of the date above, none of Microchip's electronic products have equal to or greater than 0.1% weight over weight of any of the 151 SVHC. Therefore, Microchip has no statutory communication requirements to its customers under Article 33 of REACH for its electronic products.

4. Communication with respect to ANNEX 17: Annex XVII sets out a list of restrictions on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of certain dangerous chemical substances, mixtures and articles. The Annex contains restrictions of the marketing and use of dangerous substances adopted since 1976 in the framework of Directive 76/769/EEC, as well as subsequent restrictions adopted under REACH. Currently, there are 59 categories of restricted substances in REACH Annex XVII involving more than 1000 substances. These substances have specific restrictions and certain chemical restrictions in specific product(s). To the best of our current knowledge and belief, Microchip products meet the requirements listed under Annex XVII (EU) 126/2013.

Microchip commits to compliance with the REACH Directive and to communicate compliance to our customers as the scope and breadth of REACH regulation evolves.

For information regarding the exclusive, limited warranties applicable to Microchip products, please see Microchip's standard terms and conditions of sale, which are printed on our sales documentation and available at [www.microchip.com](http://www.microchip.com).

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<sup>2</sup>16 December 2013, ECHA/PR/13/40: Member State Committee (MSC) has unanimously agreed to identify seven new substances as SVHCs. The Candidate List now contains 151 substances. <http://echa.europa.eu/de/candidate-list-table>